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Coastal Cities Flooded by 2050

A study published in NATURE CLIMATE CHANGE warns that **coastal cities should invest in flood defenses**. The team of researchers analyzed data in 136 of the world's largest coastal cities to project economic losses due to rising sea level. The cost to the coastal cities due to being flooded will be about **\$60 billion a year by 2050**. (Source: August 21, "Study Warns of Future Costs of Coastal Flooding for World")

From Sea to Shining Sea

According to an August 15 report by the NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PREVENTION PROJECT at the University of Texas at Austin, TEXAS, has warned the DEFENSE DEPARTMENT that all 107 U.S. nuclear reactors are in need of greater safeguards. Closing the old reactors may be a step in the right direction because a healthy world is nuclear-free. (Source: August 16 MAIL TRIBUNE, "US reactors vulnerable to terrorism, probe finds" by McClatchy, WASHINGTON)

The "Green Wall" of CHINA

CHINA's new "Green Wall" forces global citizens to make decisions based on environmental reasons, rather than expect CHINA to be the dump of the world. Now that CHINA has import restrictions on contaminated recyclables, food packaged in plastics need to find more responsible packaging, and consumers need to become more mindfully conscious about the impact upon the earth's eco-system

(Source: August 19 MAIL TRIBUNE, "China's new recycling rules put strain on green industry" by Vickie Aldous)

The King Amendment to the Farm Bill

The way people treat animals reveals their character, asserts Kathleen Parker who won the 2010 PULITZER PRIZE for "Commentary" and you may email her at kathleenparker@washpost.com to learn how THE KING AMENDMENT WILL PRE-EMPT LOCAL AND STATE LAWS REGARDING FOOD PRODUCTION.

Republican Steve King of IOWA claims that allowing state laws or local ordinances regarding food production or animal rights violates federal authority to regulate interstate commerce. He uses the "**Commerce Clause**" to justify attaching the HIS KING AMENDMENT to the FARM BILL.

The amendment would do away with progress that has been made at state and local levels to make the world a better place. His legislative history favors federally-sanctioned cruelty and inhumane practices that the *Humane Society of the United States*, *People for the Protection of Animals*, faith communities, and U.S. consumers deplore.

Kathleen Parker is urging American's with a conscience to plead with U.S. representatives and senators to kill the amendment rather than undo all the compassionate local and state laws that have legally passed, and keep the U.S. moving forward with humane progress. Now is the time to let your elected officials know what you want, before CONGRESS convenes in September.

The KING AMENDMENT might also affect things like the GM0-free Jackson County Measure 15-119 on the May ballot in OREGON. If local and state laws are outlawed and all food production laws are federal domain, will the next move be KINGSHIP. What does it all mean for the **Constitution of the United States of America** and U.S. citizens.

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It's not just BUDDISTS and YOGIS that have strong belief in protecting animals and nature. The JUDAIC-CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM, and HINDU traditions teach and command Man to treat animals with kindness and respect. Abuse and suffering inflicted on billions of sentient creatures every year is a clear violation of these faith communities and cannot be justified by any KING AMENDMENT.

The BIBLE teaching includes the TEN COMMANDMENTS and the spiritual principle in the MOSAIC LAW in the HEBREW SCRIPTURES forbids overworking animals and requires that people help lost and stray creatures. The BIBLE contains strict ordinances governing the treatment of all living things, and BIG AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES VIOLATE CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES by confinement of animals in wretched conditions on Factory Farms, environmental damage, resource squander, and harm to entire species of wildlife.

Steve King's lust for battery cages, dog fighting, puppy farming, shark finning, and other cruelty is incompatible with the BIBLE's teachings that a righteous nation has regard for the creatures. (See Genesis 1:22; Genesis 1:22: 29-31, Genesis 24:19; Genesis 49:2-6; Exodus 23:11-12; Deuteronomy 5:14; Deuteronomy 25:4; Deuteronomy 22:10; Leviticus 25:4-7; II Samuel 12; Proverbs 12:10; Psalms 36:6-7; Psalm 104: 224-31; Psalm 145: 9, 16; Jonah 4:11; Hosea 2:18; Job 5:23; Isaiah 11:6-9; Luke 2:7; Luke 12:6; Luke 13:15; Matthew 6:26; and Matthew 10:29)

Furthermore the BIBLE obligates Man to protect and respect the natural environment and warns against destroying nature and wildlife, and accords special respect for forests and trees. The MOSAIC LAW even contains a regulation that forbids the destruction of fruit-bearing trees, and the olive trees of PALESTINE would be in that category. The MOSAIC LAW sets forth detailed and strict rules regarding caring for trees. Man should show delicacy toward the land by living in harmony with nature and learning from her innate wisdom. The BIBLE warns against depleting natural resources. (See Genesis 8:1; Genesis 9:8-10; Genesis 9:12-17; Deuteronomy 8: 7-9; Deuteronomy 10:14; Deuteronomy 11:12; Deuteronomy 20:19; Deuteronomy 23:13-15; Leviticus 19:23-25; Leviticus 25:4; Leviticus 25:23; Leviticus 26: 3-6; Psalm 24; Psalm 50: 10-11; Ecclesiastes 3:19-21; Job 12: 7-9; Job 38:26-27; Jeremiah 9:9-11; Habakkuk 2:17;

The word "dominion" only means "territory" and it is NOT a synonym for ownership, just locale. Man is a guest, a visitor, on this planet and does NOT "own" it. "Replenish" the earth is the opposite goal of "Deplete" it. Genesis 9:2 is a curse for eating other sentient beings. Animal sacrifices were an interim transition away from surrounding tribes' cannibalism and human sacrifice, and a step toward banning belief in sacrifice, as made perfectly clear by the prophets Isaiah, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Jeremiah, and Jesus who all condemned animal sacrifice. The prophet Isaiah especially emphasized that killing an animal is the same as murdering a human (See Numbers 31:30, 40; Isaiah 1:11-13; Isaiah 66:2-3; Hosea 6:6, 20; Jeremiah 7:22; Psalm 40:6; Psalm 104:24; Amos 5:21-22; Micah 6:6-8; Hosea 9:13; and Hosea 12:7, Matthew 9:13; Matthew 12:7; and John 2:15).

The **Jewish Encyclopedia** notes that the BIBLE makes it clear not only that cruelty to animals is forbidden, but also that compassion and mercy to not cause pain is stipulated. JESUS was Jewish and began his life in a sheep manger. His teachings reflected the later prophets. Parables about a dove, a hen and her brood, a lamb, and sheep show how familiar he was with them. His humane ethic overthrew the merchants selling animals for sacrifice, and he freed the creatures by driving them out of the temple. And to conclude it all, JESUS "passed over" the killing of a lamb at Passover, by bequeathing to his disciples the vegetarian symbols of Essene bread and wine, rather than animal sacrifice. His humane precepts toward the creatures was historically upheld by Saint Giles, Saint Jerome, Saint Benedict, Saint Meinrad, Saint Columba, Saint Cuthbert, Saint Patrick, and Saint Francis of Assisi, and Pope John Paul II. A secure and sustainable future has to do with loving the environment and all creatures in it, with whom Man shares the territory called Earth. Man has to learn it is NOT "Mine" but "Ours".

(Source: August 21, "The King Amendment to the Farm Bill: My Chicken, myself" by Kathleen Parker, and THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS AND NATURE, "The Bible's Teachings on Protecting Animals and Nature", THE CENTER FOR RESPECT OF LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT, MINISTRY FOR GOD'S ANIMALS, www.hsus.org, www.Dawnwath.com, and Regenstein@mindspring.com).

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Big Pharma Animal Protein

TYSON admits its recent ban on ZILMAX-fed animals is because independent veterinary epidemiologists and professors of *Food Safety and Public Health* at TEXAS TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY and veterinarians and professionals in the *Clinical Sciences* at COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY have found dreadful animal anguish. The misery of the animals fed pharmaceuticals can no longer be denied to American conscience.

TYSON's ban obligates the DRUG INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS to *identify the specific causes* of the painful woes that animals fed Big Pharma suffer before dying.

ZILMAX AND **ZILPATEROL** ARE BETA-AGONIST WEIGHT GAIN SUPPLEMENTS, NOT HORMONES. *ZILMAX is a BETA-AGONIST pharmaceutical drug that was designed to alleviate asthma in humans, and BETA-AGONISTS cause weight gain.*

The FDA approved these human pharmaceuticals to be fed to cattle in 2006 to add weight to cows and hogs. ZILMAX sales were \$159 million in 2012. If you ate beef from the U.S.A. or CANADA, chances are that you ate food laced with ZILMAX for gaining pounds. If you are wondering about the adage, "You are what you eat", all the things that you are learning may provide you with new insight and new understanding.

The rival weight-gain pharmaceutical is RACTOPAMINE-based **OPTAFLEXX**. Both ZILMAX and OPTAFLEXX are made by **ELI LILLY AND COMPANY's "Elanco Animal Health Unit"**.

The reason SMITHFIELD FOODS cut its use of RACTOPHAMINE to half, in June, is likely due to demands by the export market. RACTOPAMINE was banned in Russia in 2012, and there are RACTOPHAMINE import restrictions with the EUROPEAN UNION.

(Source: August 19, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "What's Ailing America's Cattle?" by Jessie Newman and Kelsey Gee)

Monkey See, Monkey Do, Monkey Virus Looks a Lot Like You

Here's some news that was censored according to "Contaminated Polio Vaccine Responsible for Human Cancer Cases" sourced from the www.thenhf.com NATIONAL HEALTH FEDERATION by Liberty Beacon. In 1994 Dr. Michele Carbone of LOYOLA UNIVERSITY found **SV40** MONKEY VIRUS in half of the human lung tumors he was studying.

The viral SV40 infection had never previously been found in humans. How did monkey virus get into humans. An interview with Dr. Maurice Hilleman admitted how the monkey virus got into humans, but the interview got censored. The 60 different lab studies since then have confirmed **SV40** in a variety of lymphatic, bone, brain, and lung cancers in humans.

Dr. Maurice Hilleman had admitted **MERCK AND COMPANY** polio vaccine containing monkey virus. The interview got censored, but the journal LANCET published in 2002 that polio vaccine was causative for up to half of the yearly 55,000 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cases.

Here's another example of FDA complacency toward Big Pharma. A recent SANE VAX press release implicates CERVARIS and GARDASIL for safety because VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLIC EVENTS are listed as a side effect of GARDASIL, according to the "**National Vaccine Information Center**".

There have been approximately 21,000 reported incidents of adverse effects and death during the past four years since females of the age targeted for HVP vaccine have submitted to the injection. *How is it that U.S. consumers allow the FDA to dismiss all side effects, INCLUDING INJURY AND DEATH, of BIG PHARMA.*

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Might part of the problem be private companies such as THE GREAT COURSES with *Professor Steven Novella* denounces alternative health care. The defamatory remarks he makes in THE GREAT COURSES such as *"Your Deceptive Mind: A Scientific Guide to Critical Thinking Skills"* VILIFY non-medical approaches. It is damaging for THE GREAT COURSES to present Novella's opinions as a leading force in medical "education" for patients, the public, medical students, and medical professionals. The prejudices presented in the course are disguised as "instruction". *Professor Novella* is a mouthpiece who represents anti-Ayurvedic, anti-Chiropractic, anti-Naturopathic vilifying their licensed professional fields and certified credentials. The medical sciences behind Big Pharma want to put an end to their competition. *Obamacare* is appalling in light of the millennia of time that natural options and choices have been on earth. *The trend of science and industry is atheism.*

The Family

THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT and THE EARTH LIBERATION FRONT were portrayed by the FBI as the top two US terrorist threats because of \$40 million in damages from 20-fires between the years of 1996 to 2001. The FBI indictment alleges they tried to influence businesses and the government, but to no avail. Rebecca Rubin was a member of THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT, known as *"The Family"*, based in Eugene, OREGON. She has surrendered and pled guilty to charges of arson and conspiracy. She is NOT charged with eco-terrorism however. The article claims there are still two suspects at large.

Had she known then what she knows now, Rubin would have had other options and other choices than setting arson fires because that is unacceptable behavior. In order for something to be truly ecological it must do no harm to oneself, to others, or to the planet. For something to be truly ecological it must also bring joy to oneself, joy to others, and joy to the planet.

(Source: August 16 MAIL TRIBUNE, *"Eco-Terror Suspect will plead Guilty"* by Jeff Barnard, ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Backyard to Table is Safer

According to the August 2 MAIL TRIBUNE, *"Health Risks higher from packaged greens, experts say"* by David Pitt of the ASSOCIATED PRESS, the FDA twice recalled packaged salad greens last year because of E. coli bacteria in romaine lettuce and spinach. Recently prepackaged salads were linked to outbreak in IOWA and NEBRASKA.

Caroline Dewaal, Director of the *"Food Safety Program"* for the CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST claims 397 sick people in 16 states were infected with the CYCLOSPORA parasite, and that lettuce is susceptible to microbial contamination because it grows so close to the ground. Leaves from several different batches are often mixed together in a common bath, and there is risk that worker hygiene practices may be an issue, or water used to irrigate can be contaminated. Your own backyard to kitchen table might be a better supply for leafy green salads.

Pacific Natural

Did you know that OREGON's *Pacific Natural* grows 99% of domestic hazelnuts and the company is *Non-GMO Project Verified*. Now, that's sustainable agriculture without a steep learning curve. Farms like Pacific Natural may be America's saving grace.

Monsanto Ties with the OREGON Farm Bureau

It seems that SB633 may reappear on the February 2014 OREGON legislature, and MONSANTO may have given \$6,000.00 to the OREGON FARM BUREAU to assault the *GMO-free Jackson County ballot measure 15-119* scheduled for citizen vote in May, 2014. That tells you something about whose side the *Big Agricultural FARM BUREAU* is on. The OREGON Farm Bureau is apparently NOT on the side of OREGON's local and organic farmers and organic consumers. But *Portland*, OREGON voters defeated Fluoride in *Portland* water when it was put to the ballot, so *Jackson County* voters could still defeat GMO's, as did the Indian tribes in MINNESOTA.
